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THIS USED TO BE MY FAVORITE HOLIDAY.
FUNNY HOW THINGS CHANGE FROM YEAR TO YEAR.
DAY TO DAY, HOUR TO HOUR.
ONE HOUR. I LEFT THE EPICENTER OF ONE DISASTER TO AVERT ANOTHER EXACTLY ONE HOUR AGO...
BUT THE CORRUPTION OF THE PLANET IS SO VAST, SO COMPLETE...
IT'S EASIER TO BURROW THROUGH TWENTY THOUSAND MILES OF EARTH --
THAN FLY STRAIGHT BACK TO METROPOLIS.
I DON'T KNOW HOW I CAN STOP THIS.

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"I have discovered a sudden sympathy with the ant scurrying across the shadow under my falling shoe."
-- Clark Kent, Daily Planet. Jan. 2000

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NOT BY A LONG SHOT, BRAINIAC! NOT UNTIL --
KRYPTONIAN, PLEASE.
I'VE TRANSCENDED. METROPOLIS IS NOW THE ULTIMATE MOTHERBOARD FOR A VIRTUAL GOD
MEGABYTE BUDDHA IN A NANOTECH NIRVANA.

THE PRODIGAL ALIEN RETURNS TO THE CITY OF TOMORROW ONLY NOW --
MY DOWNLOAD COMPLETE. TOMORROW BELONGS TO BRAINIAC 13.
FOR THAT MATTER, SO DOES TODAY AND YESTERDAY.

SPECIAL B13 FX THANKS TO TOMMY YUNE, STEVE KIM & ED ROEDER

THE WORLD FEEDS MY THIRST FOR ENERGY AND KNOWLEDGE BY THE NANOSECOND.
MY CONVERSION OF METROPOLIS IS COMPLETE. YOUR ALLIES DEFEATED WITH EASE.
METAL MEN...
IT'S OVER, SUPERMAN.

THE HUMANOID CAPACITY FOR SURPRISE IS TRULY *BOUNDLESS*...
DID YOU BELIEVE THAT YOUR ATTACK ON *ONE* PROGRAMMING STATION WOULD DISMANTLE THE *ENTIRE* OPERATION?
I AM *EVERYTHING* HERE WITH ALL THE WORLD'S POWER FUNNELED THROUGH ME --
MY ABILITY TO MANIPULATE THIS CITY AND ITS DENIZENS IS *INFINITE!*
THE *ENTIRETY* OF THE POPULATION OF METROPOLIS WAS UPGRADED FOR SERVICE THREE POINT FOUR MINUTES AFTER YOU *LEFT.*
I HOPE THE TRIP WAS *WORTH* IT.
EVERYONE?
LOIS... WHAT HAVE I DONE?
ONE LAST TIME, KRYPTONIAN...
YOU'VE *LOST.*
FWOOM
NOW...
...I HAVE A *PLANET* TO UPGRADE WHILE I DECIDE ON HOW BEST TO *ANNIHILATE* YOU.

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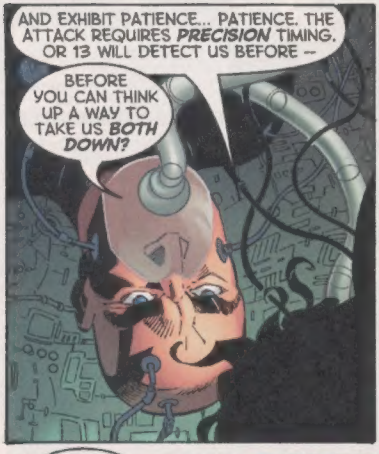
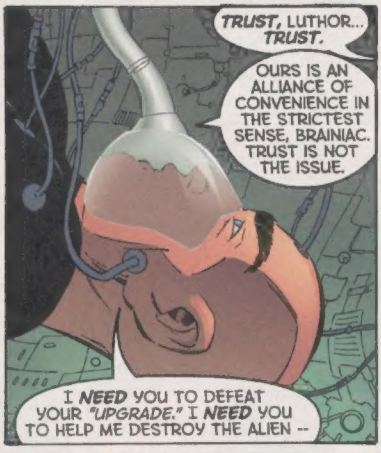
POOM
POOM
POOM
SMASSH
ON TO PLAN B THEN.

MEANWHILE...
IN AN ELECTRONICALLY CAMOUFLAGED SUBBASEMENT OF LEXTOWER, BENEATH BRAINIAC 13'S VIRTUAL NOSE...
EUROPE GONE. ASIA TOO. HE'S EVERYWHERE... EVERYWHERE.
THERE IS MUCH TO BE ADMIRED IN 13'S EFFICIENCY.
I'LL BE SURE TO NOTE THAT IN HIS EULOGY. WHY ARE WE STILL WAITING? THIS TANK REEKS OF HIM.
THANK YOUR MAKER IT DOES, ELSE IT WOULD BE WORTHLESS AGAINST 13 --
LEXCO


AND EXHIBIT PATIENCE... PATIENCE. THE ATTACK REQUIRES PRECISION TIMING. OR 13 WILL DETECT US BEFORE --
BEFORE YOU CAN THINK UP A WAY TO TAKE US BOTH DOWN?


TRUST, LUTHOR... TRUST.
OURS IS AN ALLIANCE OF CONVENIENCE IN THE STRICTEST SENSE, BRAINIAC. TRUST IS NOT THE ISSUE.
I NEED YOU TO DEFEAT YOUR "UPGRADE." I NEED YOU TO HELP ME DESTROY THE ALIEN --

I'M WELL AWARE THIS ISN'T IN YOUR JOB DESCRIPTION --
-- BUT IN CASE YOU DIDN'T NOTICE, I'M AVOIDING EYEBEAMS RIGHT NOW.

AND THEN I NEED YOU TO RELEASE MY DAUGHTER. PERIOD.
I CAN'T TOLERATE YOUR DESECRATION OF HER FOR MUCH LONGER.
OKAY, DA-DA... BUT SERIOUSLY...

HOW COULD YOU NOT TRUST THIS FACE?

WHAT I MEAN TO SAY, MASTER KAL-EL, IS THAT I FAIL TO COMPREHEND HOW I CAN BE OF SERVICE -- IS THAT LEXTOWER?
BRAINIAC 13 HAS RECONFIGURED PRACTICALLY EVERY SHRED OF TECHNOLOGY IN METROPOLIS, KELEX --
EXCEPT YOU, PROVING WHAT I'D LEARNED AT THE FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE -- BRAINIAC 13 HASN'T FIGURED OUT HOW TO PROCESS KRYPTONIAN TECHNOLOGY YET.
SIR, DESPITE YOUR COMPETENT REPAIR OF MY BODY, I HARDLY GENERATE ENOUGH ENERGY TO BROWN TOAST. I'M NOT MUCH USE --
TSCHOWW
IF THAT WERE TRUE, I DON'T THINK HE'D SUDDENLY BE PAYING ME THIS MUCH ATTENTION. DO YOU?
PERHAPS HE FINALLY SETTLED ON A WAY TO KILL YOU.
TSCHOW
AS SOON AS YOU'RE READY TO START HELPING, I'M ALL EARS.
AS YOU'VE SURMISED, BRAINIAC 13, LIKE ANY COMPUTER, MAY ONLY USE TECHNOLOGY WITH WHICH HE IS COMPATIBLE --
SCHRIEE
SPLENDID SHOT, MASTER. CLEARLY, HE'S NOT YET CONFIGURED HIS DRONES OR HIS SENSORS TO ACCESS OUR TECH --
SCHRIEE
-- WAIT... SENSORS REGISTERING OTHER KRYPTONIAN TECHNOLOGY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS.

WHERE?
KRYPTONIAN!
WHAT ARE YOU HIDING FROM ME?
TRIANGULATING LOCATION...
YOUR ALIEN TOYS WILL -
NOT--
ERROR?
HYREARGH!
HRMMMMMBLE
UM... THAT'S IT, MASTER
IT'S YOUR KRYPTONIAN WAR SUIT"

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BY THE GOLD VOLCANO OF MERCIFUL RAO! WE ARE SAVED!
YOU'RE GOOD AT THIS, LUTHOR... GOOD.
I USED TO BE RATHER PROFICIENT AT FIELDWORK.
NOW, IF YOU DON'T MIND, I DON'T WANT EITHER ALIEN TO KNOW YOU'RE HERE. SO DO SHUT UP --
WHILE I END THIS.
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SCHIFF
LUTHOR! LISTEN! I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU STOLE THAT SUIT FROM ME, BUT I'M WILLING TO FORGET IT --
HOW MUNIFICENT.
SO LONG AS WE WORK TOGETHER TO STOP BRAINIAC! YOU NEED MY KNOWLEDGE OF KRYPTONIAN TECHNOLOGY TO --
GREAT HEAVENS, I DO?! I HADN'T THOUGHT OF THAT!
HOW WILL MY WELL-NIGH SIMIAN BRAIN EVER PENETRATE YOUR VENERABLE ALIEN TECHNOLOGY?!
I'LL HAVE TO GET BY JUST SMASHING STUFF.
CHOOM

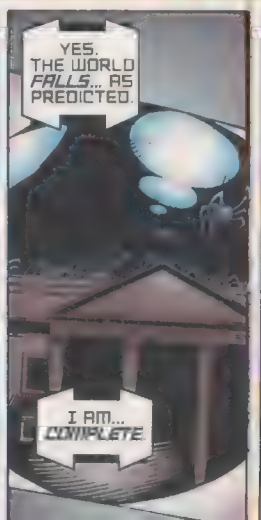
EXCELLENT.
MASTER, ACCORDING TO MY CALCULATIONS --
BRAINIAC 13 IS ALREADY ADAPTING TO THE BATTLESUIT'S ATTACKS. IF WE DON'T GET LUTHOR TO WORK WITH US --
...
LOIS?
BOTH OF THEM. HOW AM I GOING TO HANDLE BOTH --
SARCASM IS MY FORTE.
C-C-CLAR-K-K?
KELEX, I DON'T CARE HOW YOU MANAGE IT, BUT LINK UP WITH THE BATTLESUIT. I NEED TO KNOW HOW BADLY LEX HAS TAMPERED WITH IT. STAY IN THETA WAVE CONTACT.
WE'RE ALL ABOUT IMPROVISATION TODAY, KELEX. RUN WITH IT.
UNDERSTOOD, MASTER... AND MIGHT WE HAVE AN INKLING AS TO HOW ONE SHOULD LINK --
YES MASTER
SLAVES!
I WANT THAT MACHINE.
WHO IS HE TALKING TO --
...
AHEM SO... IS YOUR PREVIOUS OFFER STILL ON THE TABLE, ALIEN?
THE ROBOTS.

THERE ARE NO MORE DISTRACTIONS FROM OUTSIDE, BRETHREN. OUR ONLY ENEMIES LIE WITHIN THE CITY GATES.
AND THE INSECT WHO WOULD WALK AS A GOD.
THE KRYPTONIAN...
BREAK THEM, SO THAT YOUR MASTER MAY LEARN THEIR SECRETS...

AND ENSURE THIS PLANET'S SURVIVAL THROUGH WHAT IS TO COME.

KELEX! WHERE ARE YOU?
IMPROVISING, MASTER
SCHRAK
GOOD. I'VE GOT AN IDEA. LISTEN VERY CAREFULLY

YOU NEED HELP.
SO MANY..
ALLOW ME TO ENGAGE THE INTERFACE --
NO!


YES. THE WORLD FALLS... AS PREDICTED.
I AM... COMPLETE

CHOOM
CHOOM
LUTHOR -- PLEASE.
CHOOM
I -- YES. HELP.

SIR, I DETECT OVER ONE HUNDRED SIGNIFICANT RISKS IN YOUR PLAN --
AND YOU CAN TELL ME ALL ABOUT THEM LATER.

EXECUTE THE ORDERS...
...AND PRAY.

SHINY BUTTON OBSERVE.

KLESKRIEEEEEEE
INTERSTITIAL MEDIUM DISRUPTOR... DISRUPTING.
RETARDS ELECTRICAL CONDUCTION ACROSS CIRCUITS. MAKES AN EMP LOOK LIKE A SNEEZE --
-- UNLESS YOU HAPPEN TO HAVE KRYPTONIAN SHIELDING.
THE ROBOTS ARE DOWN. YOU'RE WELCOME.
WELL, WELL... WHO'S DOING THE SAVING NOW?
DON'T RUSH TO REJOICE, LEX --
APPARENTLY SHIELDING FROM THE FUTURE IS ADEQUATE AS WELL."
DESPITE A UNIFIED EMERGING PERSONA, I AM STILL A COGENT COLONY OF A BILLION TRILLION TRILLION TRILLION ATOM-SIZED COMPUTERS, SUPERMAN...
WE DON'T BRUSS.
LAST SON OF A DEAD PLANET. FIGHTING TO PROTECT SLAVES. HIS GREATEST WEAPON AN IMPOTENT TOY.
WELL? ANY MORE GLEAMING INSIGHTS?
NOW THAT MY EMPATHIC ALGORITHMS ARE IN PLACE, I IMAGINE IT MUST FRUSTRATE YOU SO --
I'M SORRY. HERE I AM PRATTLING ON... IS THAT SUPPOSED TO HURT?
WITH TIME, THERE WOULD BE. BUT TO DECIPHER THIS TECHNOLOGY AND UNDO THE BUTCHERING YOUR PEOPLE HAVE DONE --
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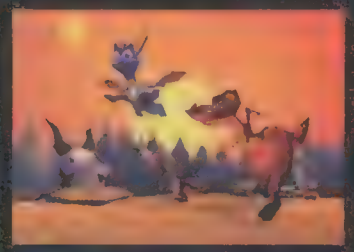
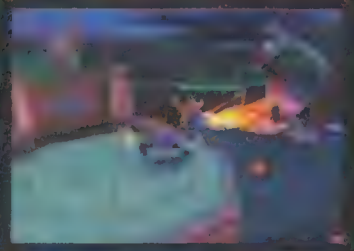
Spyro's back





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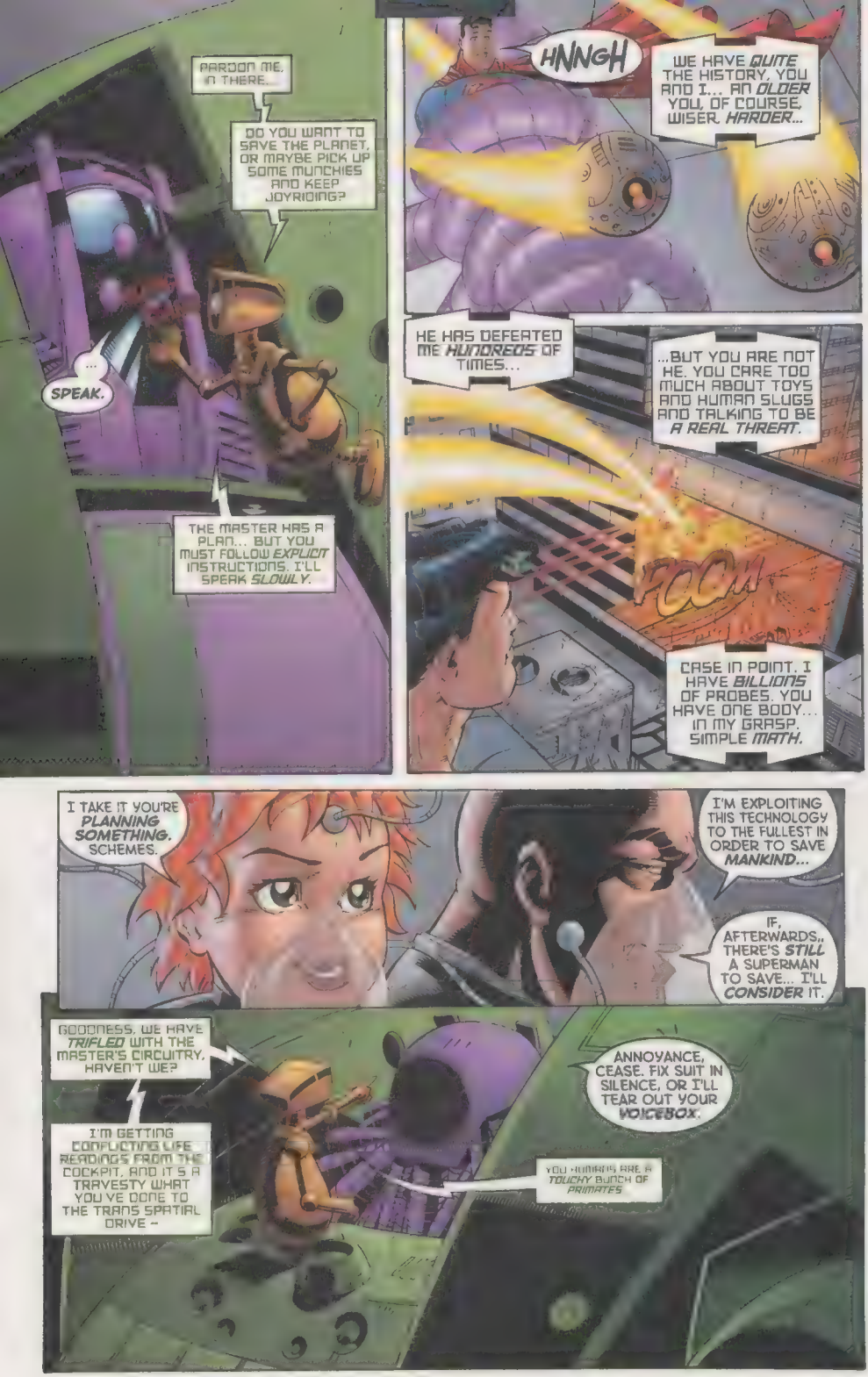
PARDON ME, M'THERE...
DO YOU WANT TO SAVE THE PLANET, OR MAYBE PICK UP SOME MUNCHIES AND KEEP JOYRIDING?
...SPEAK.
THE MASTER HAS A PLAN... BUT YOU MUST FOLLOW EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS. I'LL SPEAK SLOWLY.
HNNGH
WE HAVE QUITE THE HISTORY, YOU AND I... AN OLDER YOU, OF COURSE, WISER. HARDER...
HE HAS DEFEATED ME HUNDREDS OF TIMES...
...BUT YOU ARE NOT HE. YOU CARE TOO MUCH ABOUT TOYS AND HUMAN SLUGS AND TALKING TO BE A REAL THREAT.
FOOM
CASE IN POINT. I HAVE BILLIONS OF PROBES. YOU HAVE ONE BODY... IN MY GRASP. SIMPLE MATH.
I TAKE IT YOU'RE PLANNING SOMETHING. SCHEMES.
I'M EXPLOITING THIS TECHNOLOGY TO THE FULLEST IN ORDER TO SAVE MANKIND...
IF, AFTERWARDS,, THERE'S STILL A SUPERMAN TO SAVE... I'LL CONSIDER IT.
GOODNESS, WE HAVE TRIFLED WITH THE MASTER'S CIRCUITRY, HAVEN'T WE?
I'M GETTING CONFLICTING LIFE READINGS FROM THE COCKPIT, AND IT'S A TRAVESTY WHAT YOU'VE DONE TO THE TRANS SPATIAL DRIVE --
ANNOYANCE, CEASE. FIX SUIT IN SILENCE, OR I'LL TEAR OUT YOUR VOICEBOX.
YOU HUMANS ARE A TOUCHY BUNCH OF PRIMATES.

I COULDN'T DEFEAT YOU IN MY PRESENT... BUT IN YOUR PAST...
HERE, DREAMS COME TRUE.
IS THAT WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT?! REVENGE?
NO... THAT'S JUST THE CHERRY.
I HAVE RUN SIMULATIONS OF YOUR DEATH 1,098,288,546 TIMES; THIS ONE IS A PARTICULAR FAVORITE.
KELEX...?
WORKING ON IT, MASTER
BRAINIAC 13 IS FED BY THOUSANDS OF THESE CONDUITS. I DON'T SEE THE VALUE OF DISRUPTING JUST ONE -- ?
AREN'T WE CLEVER?
EXCELLENT, PROCEED ROBOT...
YES, PROCEED...
AND CULL THE POWER THAT BELONGS TO ME!
WE'RE NOT TRYING TO DISRUPT HIS ENERGY FLOW, LUTHOR...
WE'RE GOING TO HARVEST IT, CONVERT IT THROUGH THE SUIT, AND FIRE IT BACK AT HIM!
KSHH!
PLEASE DON'T PASS OUT YET, KRYPTONIAN...
DO ME THE COURTESY OF AT LEAST WAITING UNTIL I REACH YOUR DUODENUM...
KELEX! NOW!

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THERE!
PERFECT! IN A MATTER OF SECONDS, THE SUIT WILL CONVERT ENTIRE CITIES' WORTH OF ENERGY TO A KRYPTONIAN-BASED SPECTRUM! –
AND FIRE IT DIRECTLY INTO DARKSEID'S CORE! UNABLE TO PROCESS THE ENERGY CODEX, HE WILL BE FORCED TO SHUT DOWN OR PERISH!
ACTIVATE THE TRANSFER, LUTHOR, BEFORE THE MASTER EXPIRES!
WHY SO HASTY, KELEX? WHAT IS ONE LIFE COMPARED TO AN ENTIRE WORLD?
WHAT SAY WE GIVE HIM A SECOND OR TWO TO DIE PROPERLY?
ACTIVATING MANUAL OVERRIDE.
SIR, IT IS MY DUTY TO INFORM YOU
LUTHOR BEHAVED EXACTLY AS EXPECTED
EXCELLENT. WAKE TORNADO.

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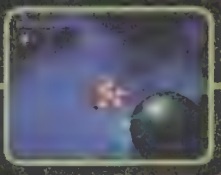

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BRAINIAC!
FRACTAL WAVE VORTEX DETECTED -- RED TORNADO COGENT AND --
GASSSP!
ERROR -- HOW --?
KRYPTONIAN TECH TAKETH AWAY --
BUT IT DOES A PRETTY GOOD JOB OF RESTORING CONSCIOUSNESS TOO!
I RECEIVED KELEX'S INSTRUCTIONS DURING THE REBOOT --
-- IS THAT THE TARGET?
THAT'S IT, TORNADO, THE OTHER END OF THE CONDUIT --!
DO IT NOW! DO IT FAST!
VORTEX CONSUMING AND DISASSEMBLING LARGE PORTIONS OF NANO-COLONY...
COMPENSATING. DIVERTING MASS TO CENTRAL LOCATION -- CLEVER, KRYPTONIAN... BUT ULTIMATELY UNINSPIRED.
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO? SUCK UP EACH INDIVIDUAL ATOM OF ME AND HOLD YOUR BREATH?
WHAT IS THAT MORON -- DOING --?
DISENGAGE THE COUPLING.
BUT THE POWER! POWER! WE NEED --
DISENGAGE THE COUPLING!
IN CASE YOU DIDN'T NOTICE, LUTHOR I LIED.

They have
a vision . . .
They're on
a mission . . .
And nothing can
stop them.
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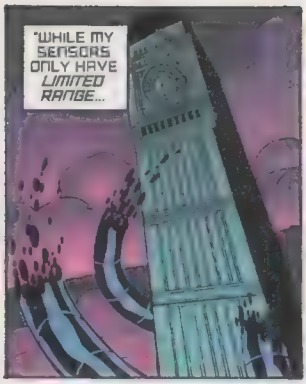
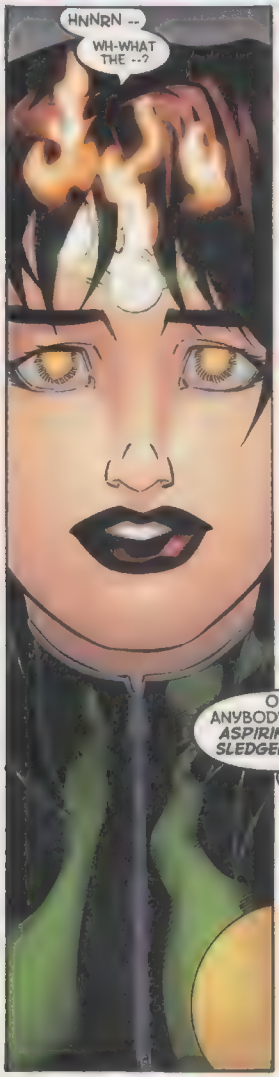
ATTENDED FOR COOL AUDIENCES
MILK CHOCOLATE
FLUFFY NOUGAT
PUMPED UP!
NOTHING CAN STAND
IN YOUR WAY WITH...
3Musketeers

"IRONICALLY, YOU GAVE ME THE IDEA, THIRTEEN... WHEN I PENETRATED THE ENERGY CONDUIT EARLIER TODAY, I WAS TEMPORARILY CONVERTED INTO ENERGY...
"...ENERGY THAT CAN BE TRANSPORTED... TRANSFORMED . OR CONTAINED...
"...ESPECIALLY CONTAINED.
"LET'S SEE HOW BAD YOU ARE BROKEN DOWN INTO PURE PROGRAMMING --
"-- TRAPPED WITHIN CIRCUITRY YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND."
WAIT! NO! THIS - IMPOSSIBLE!
THE TECHNOLOGY REQUIRED IS UNFATHOMABLE! IT WOULD HAVE TO BE --
THE LAST EXPORT OF A "DEAD PLANET," THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
CONSIDER YOURSELF CRASHED, BRAINIAC.
KELEX, ESCORT MISTER LUTHOR OUT OF THE SUIT, PLEASE... GENTLY.
"I'D HATE FOR HIM TO GET HURT."
SPLOOSH
"MASTER, TH-THERE WERE TWO OF THEM IN THERE."
LEX CAN WAIT, KELEX --
-- JUST TELL ME IT'S WORKING. I'M TAPPED ON IDEAS, HERE.


"WHILE MY SENSORS ONLY HAVE *LIMITED RANGE*...

...IT APPEARS THAT THE SUIT IS PERFORMING AS *EXPECTED*. I'M GETTING ON-LINE BLIPS FROM AROUND THE *GLOBE*...

...I BELIEVE WE'VE *GOT* HIM, SIR.


HNNRN --
WH-WHAT THE --?
OH... ANYBODY GOT AN *ASPIRIN*... OR A *SLEDGEHAMMER*?
OW.

LOIS?

CLARK?
NO, CLARK IS FINE, THOUGH. HE WANTED ME TO *CHECK* ON YOU.
OH... SORRY...

HE'S THE *THOUGHTFUL* ONE... ISN'T HE, SUPERMAN? SO, IS IT *OVER*?
MOSTLY. BRAINIAC 13'S CONTROL OVER YOU AND THE REST OF METROPOLIS IS *SHATTERED*...
A FEW MORE SECONDS AND HE'LL BE HARMLESS AS A *CELL PHONE*.

MAKE IT STOP, LUTHOR!
I CAN'T. IT'S OVER...
BRINGING A CHILD INTO THIS, LUTHOR? REALLY, YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF
SILENCE, TRIVET.
AT LEAST I GOT ONE OF YOU --
LUTHOR... LISTEN --
MASTER! LUTHOR HAD HIS --
WE HAVE BIGGER PROBLEMS. BRAINIAC 13 HAS BEEN SUBDUED --
BUT METROPOLIS IS STILL THE SAME! WHY HASN'T THE CITY REVERTED TO --
TO --
DO YOU HEAR SOMETHING?
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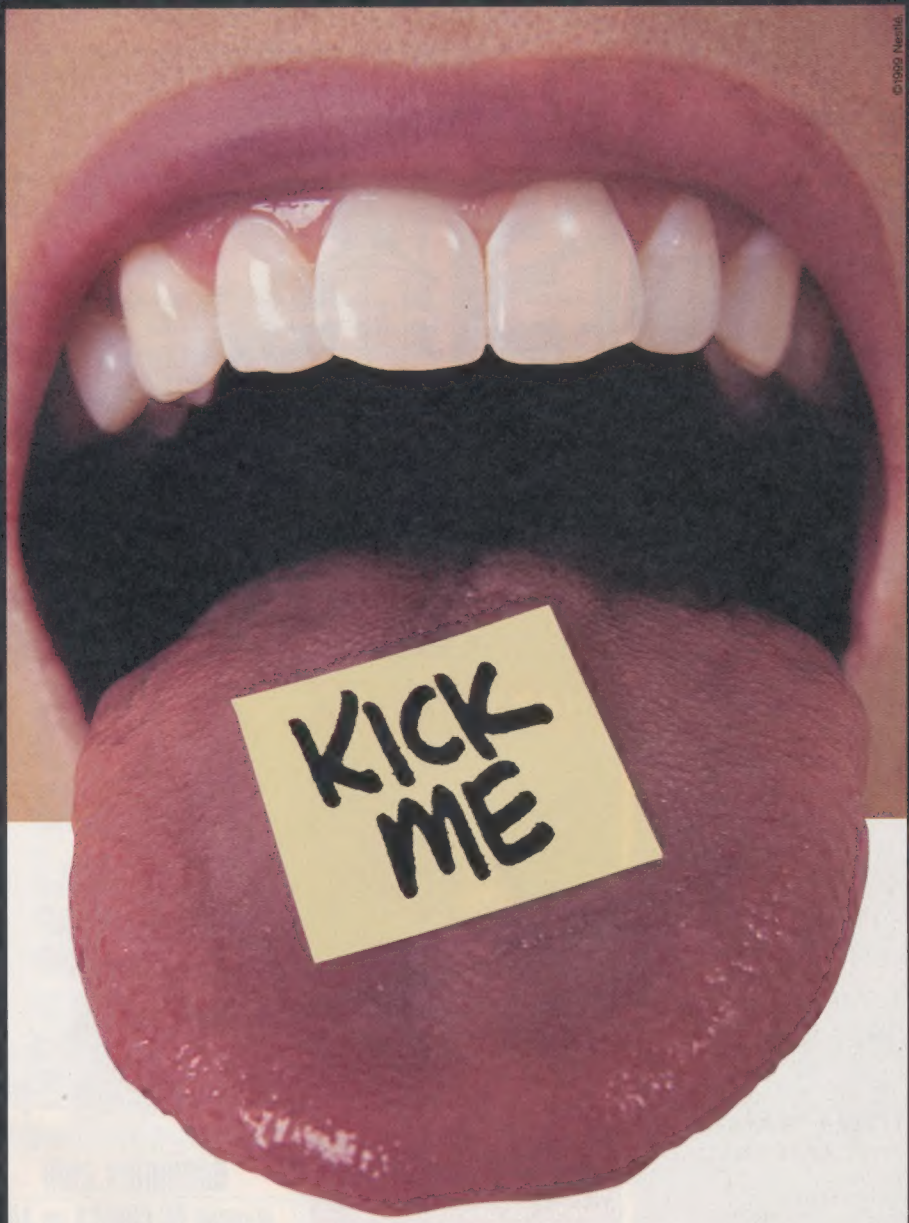
DO YOU HEAR SOMETHING?
SSSFFF
HOW

THE SUIT! BRAINIAC! NO!
LEX! WHAT HAPPENED?! WHAT --
...
LEX?
DEAR GOD, LEX. WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?
-- ONLY A WEEK SINCE Y2K, BUT WORLDWIDE POWER AND INFRASTRUCTURE ARE AGAIN STABLE --
-- CLEAN-UP CREWS ON 24-HOUR-A-DAY DETAIL --
-- SCIENTISTS STILL BAFFLED BY THE TRANSFORMATION OF METROPOLIS --
--WITH BRAINIAC 13 GONE, WHY DIDN'T IT REVERT --
-- LEX LUTHOR REGISTERED OVER FIVE HUNDRED PATENTS IN A TWO-DAY PERIOD --
-- THE MAN HAS TURNED A WORLD TRAGEDY INTO TRIUMPH. TALK OF POLITICS --
-- MILES-HIGH TOWER. LEX LUTHOR TRULY IS ON TOP OF THE WORLD --
LUTHOR...

...I'VE CAUSED A TEMPORAL BULGE WITH THE SCANT REMAINS OF MY POWER TO OFFER A PROPOSITION. I CAN DO THIS BUT ONCE, SO PAY CLOSE HEED...
...EARTH IS NOT THE ONLY SUITABLE VESSEL FOR MY DESIGNS. SIMPLY THE MOST CONVENIENT.
THOUGH MY MOTIVES ESCAPE YOU, MY WORK IN THIS TIME IS TOO IMPORTANT TO FAIL -- IF I BECOME TRAPPED IN THIS ARMOR ALL WILL BE LOST.
OH WELL, BEST-LAID PLANS, AND ALL THAT. ENJOY ETERNITY AS A SARDINE.
THANKS TO MY CLUMSY PREDECESSOR, YOUR FORTUNE IS LOST. YOUR POWER BASE BROKEN. YOU HAVE NOTHING --
LUTHOR, WALK AWAY, DON'T LISTEN --
I CAN CHANGE THAT. I CAN MAKE YOU POWER... I CAN GIVE YOU THE CITY OF TOMORROW.
METROPOLIS WILL REVERT AFTER MY PASSING, UNLESS I BEQUEATH YOU THE CODEX TO CONCRETIZE AND MAINTAIN THE FUTURE'S TECHNOLOGY.
"KING OF THE CITY OF TOMORROW"... INTRIGUING. AND YOU WOULD REQUIRE --?
I WANT THE TRAITOR, BRAINIAC 2.5... AND HIS VESSEL.
LENA?! ARE YOU MAD?!
BRAINIAC 2.5 HAS THE KNOWLEDGE AND THE CORPOREAL FORM TO PHYSICALLY OVERRIDE THE SUIT FROM WITHIN.
ONLY WITH A PILOT CAN I ESCAPE TO FINISH MY WORK, SINCE I ASSUME YOU WILL NOT RELINQUISH YOUR BODY FOR THE TASK...
...I OFFER YOU THE FUTURE. NOW. TOMORROW'S POWER, TODAY, TO BE WIELDED AS YOU SEE FIT. IN SHORT, I WILL MAKE YOU A GOD...
...IN EXCHANGE FOR THIS BIT OF MEAT.
CHOOSE.
?!
YOU CAN'T DO THIS! YOU CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT HE'LL DO TO ME! TO YOUR DAUGHTER!
I CAN UNLOCK METROPOLIS FOR YOU! I CAN HELP YOU, AND RETURN LENA -- LISTEN TO HER!
DA-DA?
?!
CHOOSE YOUR FATE, LUTHOR... NOW.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, LUTHOR? LUTHOR!
DO YOU HEAR SOMETHING?

WE HAD HIM BEATEN. TRAPPED... IT WAS OVER.
LEAVE ME ALONE.
BUT YOU DID THIS, DIDN'T YOU? I DON'T KNOW HOW, BUT YOU DID SOMETHING TO KEEP METROPOLIS LIKE THIS...
AND IT COST YOU LENA.
WAS IT WORTH IT, LEX? WAS IT WORTH IT?
I HAVE MY CASTLE. I HAVE MY KINGDOM ON THE EDGE OF TOMORROW... AS FOR MY PRINCESS...
I CAN ALWAYS MAKE ANOTHER.
GOODBYE, ALIEN.
IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO IN THIS LIFE...
...I WILL GET HER BACK, LEX.
AND I WILL SEE YOU PAY.
I HOPE YOU DO. BUT I'VE ALREADY PAID...
...I'VE PAID IN FULL.
END



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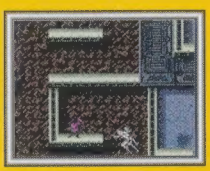

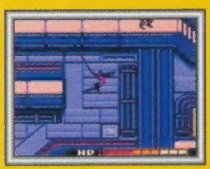

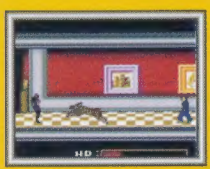

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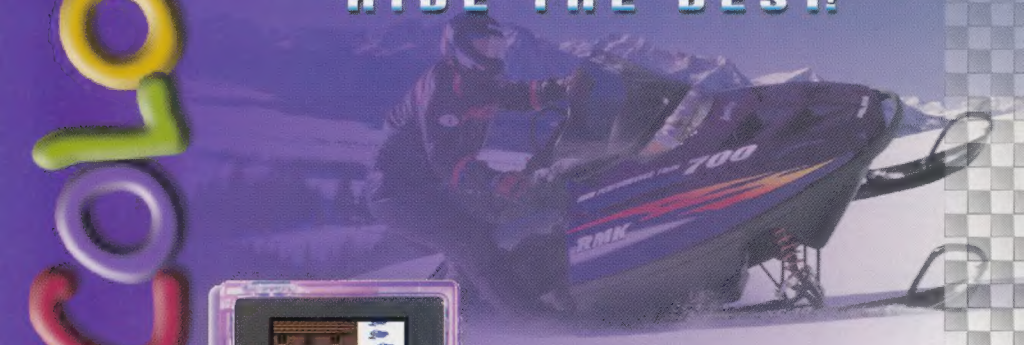

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